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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

LOTZ et al.

Application No. 09/837,755

Art Unit: 1723

Filed: April 19, 2001

Examiner: Ana M. Fortuna

For: MASHING PROCESS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed June 27, 2002 in the referenced patent application, Applicants petition for a four month extension of time and provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-4) directed to a mash filtering process.

A favorable action is solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$1440.00 extension of time fee and to credit or charge any excess payment or under payment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this Response is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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